

**Deputation Report of Dr. S. Ayyappan, ABVC, ICAR,  
New Delhi, on his visit to Turkey during May, 2016**

In response to letter DARE F. No. 12024/16/2016-DARE (ICCG) dated 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, visited Izmir, Turkey, to participate in the 58<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Trustees, ICARDA, during 6-9 May, 2016.

I participated in the meetings of the Program Committee, Nominations Committee and the Full Board. The aspects of discussion in the Program Committee meeting pertained to the Drylands and the CGIAR Centres, Organising the Research Capacity of ICARDA: Research Platforms & Hubs, Water economies & water productivity in Middle East & North Africa, CRPs on Dryland Systems, Grain Legumes, Dryland Cereals, Genebanks, Livestock & Fish, Policies, Institutions & Markets, Water, Land & Ecosystems, Wheat, Dryland Cereals & Legumes, ICARDA involvement in Phase 2 of CRPs, Benefits, Challenges & Costs of Open Access; and Engaging with the Private Sector, ICARDA's Science Quality and Science Publications.

The Full Board deliberated on the Financial matters, Updates on Development of the New ICARDA Strategy (2017-2026), Developments in the CGIAR and Consortium and CRP on Dryland Systems, Resource Mobilisation, Decentralisation, Human Resource matters, Board related matters, and the reports of the different Committees.

A field trip was made to the Aegean Agricultural Research Institute and Regional Cereal Rust Research Centre, also looking at the Turkey-CIMMYT-ICARDA winter wheat and Cereal pathology field activities.



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